### MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

There is no change to note in the aspect of financial affairs since last week. Money continues searce, but the demand is less pressing, and for legitimate purposes the Banks are furnishing the necessary accommodation. In local stocks there have been very few tranctions, and we have no change to note in prices. Appended is the revised list of quotations for government securities, &c.

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	coupon,	1177	118
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SALT G	A. (Liverp	ool)	. 1	50	8	1	60
Fine			. 2	35	8	2	50
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REMARKS .- The market for Flour opened with a good local demand for Extras and choice brands Family, with light receipts; there is little or no demand for fine and middlings, but the tendency is towards an advance in prices for the better grades; shipments during the week about 300 bbls. Wheat opened dull at a decline on last week's quotations, but as the week advanced prices stiffened, and the market closes firm at an advance of 6 to 10c on op-ning quotations; choice lots are in especial request; offerings today of 2816 bushels white and red, with sales of | would read it. the former at 165, 170 and 172 for good to prime, and 175 for choice; and of the latter at 125, 130, 145, 155 and 160 for common to good, 165, 170, 172 and 173 for very good to prime, and 175 and 177 for choice lots. Receipts of new River Corn are good, and the market has been active all the week; we note an advance towards its close, with a firm market; offerings to-day of 1443 bushels, with sales of white at 65 for new, and 72 for old, and mixed at 60 and 63 for new. Rye is unchanged; offerings light, with sales to-day at 78 and 85. Oats are in light receipt, with a good demand, at an advance of 2a3c; sales today at 50. Good Butter is scarce, and prices have advanced 5c during the week. Eggs are wanted, and prices are laze better. The market for Poultry is very dull, and prices, owing to the moderate weather are low. Bacon is firm at an advance of to on sides and shoulders. Dresssed Hogs, at the opening of the week, were dull, and prices were low, but at its close, under light receipts, prices stiffened; small Pork commands ready sale at an advance.

ALEXANDRIA CATTLE MARKET, Dec. 12 .-ALEXANDRIA CATTLE MARKET, Dec. 12.

The offerings of Cattle, Sheep, Cows and Calves and Hogs this week has been fully equal to the thing in my favor.

Dr. Johnson—Who was he? 62c net; Sheep 42 to 52c; Cows and Calves 20 to \$60. The market showed some briskness at the opening, but drooped toward the close.

BALTIMORE CATTLE MARKET, December 11. Prices to-day for Beef Cattle ranged as follows: Best Beeves at 5 75a\$6 50; generally rated first quality at 4 50a\$5 75; medium to good fair quality at 3 25a\$4 50; ordinary thin Steers, Oxen and Cows at 3 50a\$3 62; inferior and lowest grades of Cattle 0 00a\$0 00-general average of the market to-day \$4.87; extreme range of prices 3 25a\$6.50. Most of the sales were from 4.25 to \$4.50 per 100 lbs. Total receipts for the week 1683 head, against 2014 last week, and 2234 head same time last year. Total sales for the week 1582 head, against 1699 last week, and 1889 head same time last year. The market has been more active this week than last, the receipts being less and prices fully to per lb higher throughout the list.
Sheep—The market has been very dull dur-

ing the past week; the receipts have been somewhat limited, but fully up to the demand, except as to the best Sheep, to which the demand has been almost wholly confined. We quote at 4.5c, while extra Sheep would command be per lb gross. We heard of a small lot of prime Sheep, weighing 140 lbs gross, selling at 71c per lb. Reccipts this week 1790 head.

Hogs—The market has been advancing stead-

ily since last week, prices having advanced in the West and the receipts here largely falling off. The demand has been good during the week and still continues so, with a fair prospect that present quotations will not recede for a few days, but may advance, as prices in the West, though at latest dates show a slight decline, are yet too high to justify shipments to this market without a further advance here. We quote corn-fed Hogs at 6 75 \$7, and stillers at 6 25a \$6 75 per 100 ibs net. Receipts this week 5933.

GEORGETOWN CATTLE MARKET, Dec. 11.—
There were 450 Cattle, 800 Sheep and 40 Cows and Calves on sale to-day. The offerings of Cattle being very much better in quality than those of last week, the prices obtained were correpondingly higher. We quote: Cattle 3 to 53c; Sheep 42 to 6e; Cows and Calves 25 to \$55. Market fairly active. Market fairly active.

CHICAGO CATTLE MARKET, Dec. 11.-Cattle quiet; few choice off red; fair to good native Steers sold at 4 45. \$5; several lots of extra averaging 14½ cwt to 1683 lbs brought 6. \$6 25, and tweive fancy 2040 lbs Steers brought \$8; receipts about 2000; shipments 645. Hogs ruled quiet and weak, and a shade lower; ranging from 4 55a\$4 85; most sales at 4 65a\$4 75, closing dull, with many unsold; receipts about 40,000.

LYNCHBURG MARKET, Dec. 11 .- Flour in fair demand. Wheat wanted and prices slightly advanced; white 150, 165 and 168; red 140a155. Old Corn scarce and in demand; new 50a60; old 75a80. Oats unchanged at 35a40. Dressed Hogs 6a\$6 50.

RICHMOND MARKET, December 11.-The market is generally quiet. Receipts of Wheat to-day were only about 1300 bushels, with sales of white at 155a173 for goad to prime, and 155a170 for do. red. Sales of new Corn at 62 for prime, and 68.70 for cold. Sales of new Corn at 62 for prime, and 68.70 for cold.

### LOCAL NEWS.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN. -An adjourned meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held last night, five members being present.

The consideration of the compilation of the Corporation laws by Mr. Carne was resumed, and the amendments made thereto by the Common Council having been acted on,

Dr. Jehnson moved that policemen be retaithful discharge of their duties, and gave his reasons therefore, and the motion was adopted.

Dr. French moved that the number of policemen be reduced to seventeen and two officers. By that reduction, he said, the city would save man every night there was annoying to the City probably two thousand dollars a year. There Sergeant, who had charge of other prisoners, was a universal cry for retrenchment, and we must heed it here, for we could'ut much longer stand the tax of \$2 on the \$100.

Dr. Johnson concurred with his colleague from the 3d Ward, and was in favor of a reduction of the present number to sixteen. That number, in his opinion, was ample; it allowed four to each ward, and four, he thought, was have had one of the members of the police sufficient. There was not much vice, and whether policemen prevented robberies was a question. The saving of the \$2,000 was, however, certainly important, and he hoped the motion would be adopted !

Dr. French said he had suggested the number seventeen, because while four were in each ward one had to be at police headquarters.

Mr. Latham was opposed to the proposed re-

duction. The beats were too large for the present force to patrol them properly. There were six beats formed by dividing the city from east to west by King street, and from north to lation having been considered, south by Pitt and Columbus streets, and at Dr. French moved that the night it was necessary for two policemen to patrol together, because it would be dangerous for them to go alone in some quarters of the city. The beats were now well arranged, and ration in its present form. He felt there were he could not see how they could be patroled many more required amendments. He had with a reduction. 'Twas true, the \$2,000 could be saved, but it would be at the risk of danger to the lives and property of the citizens. It should have been printed so that the members might be said that once the city was guarded | might at least know upon what they were votby only two policemen, but then there were seventeen night watchmen, so that, in fact, the present force is but slightly in excess of what it was then, and though the present system is a little more expensive than that in operation before it went into effect, we had now better men and we required them. Mr. Davy's corner, over which there was a shed, and the market house in former times, were famous places to find nuffled watchmen as'cep. The two thousand dollars proposed to be saved was a trifle well expended in paying for good policemen, and no others should be on the force. There present salary was no pay for service well per-

formed. A good policeman was worth good pay, and if he, the speaker, were a member of sion to the telegraph companies to obstruct the the City Council at the next annual election of the force, which, however, he would remark the sidewalks, and thus disfigure and obstruct he would not be, he would vote for no one who them much more than would be done by dry would not make a good one, and whose services be well worth what he received for them. He hoped that the existing vacancies in the force would be filled by an early election, and in that unanimously, all voting "ave" but Dr. John-election he would vote for only such as he was son, who voted "yea," and the President desatisfied would make efficient officers. He did clared the result to be, ayes, six; "noes," none. not think even if adopted by the Board, that the Common Council would agree to it, for the proposition was not even mentioned during the hasty consideration the compilation had re-ceived in that Board. While upon the floor

he would state that as Judge Keith's decision upon the Police Board question had been asked for the night previous, he had brought it with him, and with the permission of the Board Unanimous consent being given,

Mr. Latham read from the bound file of the Gazette, kept in the Auditor's office, the decission referred to for the purpose, he said, of sustaining the position he had assumed at the meeting the night before, commenting upon the same as he proceeded, and concluding by saying that the Judge's decision was founded upon the assumption that the duties of policemen and constables were the same, which, all who knew anything about the question, knew was wrong-policemen were only allowed by Council to be elected constables to eke out an existence-and that his foundation being wrong that which was based upon it must be wrong

The President-The Judge evidently made a mistake about the duties of policemen and con-

stables being similar. Mr. Latham-There is not a doubt of it with any man of common sense, though at the time it was made, certain gentlemen, then members of the Board, could not see it in that light, and one of them sat near the Judge when he rendered it; and looked as though he were saying to the Judge, "I am interested in the decission you are making, and will be obliged for any

Mr. Latham-He is not a member of the

present Board. Dr. French's motion to reduce the number to seventeen was then put, and Messrs French. Johnson and Moore voting in the affirmative, and Messrs. Latham and Lawson, in the negative, the President declared it lost, as he would

vote no. Dr. French asked that the ayes and noes be taken on the question. Dr. Johnson said it was too late; the Presi-

dent had declared the result of the vote before the yeas and pays had been called for, and to entertain such a motion would now be unparliamentary. He would, while on the floor, take occasion to say that the expression calling for the ayes and noes was incorrect, it should be yeas and nays.

The President said he had always been accustomed to say ayes and noes, and he intended to continue doing so.

Dr. Johnson replied that he did not want to be considered smarter than anybody else, but there was reason in his correction. Custom did not always make things right; some people call "get," "git" and "again," "agin," but that did not make their pronunciation correct. Ayes and noes meant the simple enunciation in the division of a vote, such as would be otherwise expressed by saying four voted in the affirmative, and two voted in the negative, but the yeas and mays meant a record of the names of abusive language towards Lizzie Ashton, both those who voted and how they voted.

Mr. Latham said if the member from the Third Ward was, right the members, when their names were called should respond yea and nay. He had always thought that the terms aye and no, in the connection, were right, and supposed the reason for their being so, was that by using them the danger of a mistake by the clerk in counting the votes that would result from the similarity of the sounds yea and

nay, was avoided.
The President said the debate was out of order. The use of terms was not the question before the Board, but that he should continue to use the words "ayes" and "noes," for if the response of a member when his name was called was "aye" his vote would certainly be recorded among the "yeas."

When the section relating to the police was

read, Mr. Latham moved to strike out all relating to the Board of Police.

Dr. Johnson seconded the motion, saying

Judge Keith had decided there was no such body in legal existence, and that was so patent and so generally acknowledged that at the annual election that of the members of that Board had been passed by. Mr. Carne, the compiler, asked what should

be done with the police regulations.

Dr. Johnson agreed with the member from FREDERICKSBURG MARKET, Dec. 11.—Market for Flour and Grain quiet, with light receipts of the latter. Wheat is quoted at 150a175 for good to prime. Old Corn 60a62; new do. 52 a56. Oats 40a42. Rye, 65a70.

the First Ward. The regulations should not be incorporated in the laws, for they were subject to continual change and had better be left ject to continual change and had better be left out. Those who made them in future could report their action to Council.

Reed.

Steamer Pilot Boy, Cone river, by F & Reed.

Steamer David Reed.

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Schr Elizabeth, Petersburg, by Hampshire and Baltimore Coal Co.

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Mr. Latham-Better take no notice of them. If any are objectionable Council would soon be

made aware of them. Dr. Johnson thought they had better be reported to Council. There were complaints against those now in force, particularly in that one allowing certain policemen to be kept at the Mayor's office. The excuse for keeping the same detail at that office was that some of the force were not honest, while that special detail could be trusted. All should be treated alike, quired to give bond in the sum of \$250, for the and if some on the force were dishonest they

should be removed. Mr. Latham hoped the present system would not be changed. It originated when the station house was at the jail, and when a new and wanted to be assured of the trus worthviness of the guards at that prison. It was as requisite for the Mayor to have such men in his office as he wanted as it was for a merchant to have the selection of his clerks and servants. When he, the speaker, was Mayor, it would have been personally disagreeable for him to force in his office.

The President said the debate was out of order, as there was no motion before the Board. Mr. Latham moved that all municipal officers elected before the 1st of August, except the clerks of the two Boards of Council, qualify

and assume their duties on that day.

Dr. Johnson opposed it upon the ground that its object could be obtained by a resolution, and as there was no second, it was not

All the proposed amendments to the compi

Dr. French moved that the bill be put upon

its third reading, and passed. Mr. Latham said he was opposed to adopting the compilation as the Code of the Corponot been able to get a copy to look at; did not know what had been left in, what omitted. It

Dr. Johnson said that it was not a codification but a compilation of the laws. To have made the former the employment of lawyers at great expense would have been necessary. This was merely a collection of such laws as had been in force during the last thirty years, altered to suit the changed times.

Mr. Latham moved to amend the provision preventing merchants from obstructing the side walks by allowing them to use three feet of the sidewalk from the inside of the curbstone.

Dr. Johnson moved to strike out the whole section. It was a useless law, and those who had passed it had broken it by giving permissidewalks by the ercetion of their poles along goods boxes.

Mr. Latham's amendment was adopted, and the bill was put on its passage and passed The Board then adjourned.

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTAT. -The following transfers of real estate made in this city for the month of November are reported by Green & Wise, real estate agents.

House and lot on the south side of Prince st., 127 feet, east of Pitt st., 31 feet 8 inches x80 feet, from Geo. H. Markell, &c., to J. Ried, for \$3,025.

House and lot on the east side of Water st. between Wolf and Wilkes, 51 feet, from Hugh Smith's executor, to J. F. Hill, for \$1,800. Lot on the northeast corner of Cameron and Alfred st., 60x110 feet, from John Lloyd, Commissioner, to F. Paff and others, for \$700. Lot on the east side Washington st., between Wolfe and Wilkes sts., 20x100 feet, from J. P. Emerson to Wm. Briggs, for \$100.

Lot on the south side of Wolf st., 92 feet west of Water st., 18x90 feet, from E. Jones to Mr. McD. Javins, for \$300. House and lot on the west side of Pitt st.,

30 feet north of Duke st., 52 feet 11 inches on Pitt st., 90 feet 1 inch deep, from Miss S. Morrill and others to Mrs. Clara Suyder, for \$4 500. Lot on the West side of Pitt st., 159 feet 3½ inches north of Queen st., 18 feet 9½ inches x59 feet, from Geo. Bartle to Peter Henratty, for

House and lot on the east side of Patrick st., between Queen and Princess sts., 25x118 feet 6 inches, from Samuel Johnson to Wilson

Truehart, for \$500. House and lot on the east side of Alfred st .. 179 feet 7 inches south of Queen st., 19 feet x163 feet 5 inches, from John W. Green to Wm. Gray, for \$1,280.

House and lot on the west side of Royal st., between Cameron and Queen sts., 34 feet 10 inches x87 feet, from English's heirs to Geo. H. Harlow, for \$2 100.

Lot on the north side of Wolf st., 63 feet 5 inches east of Fairfax st., 23 feet 6 in.x67 feet, from Wm. Diggs to Presly Diggs, for \$100.

W. & O. R. R.-The meetings in Loudoun county, at Purcellville on Wednesday, and at Snickersville on Thursday, held for the purpose of furthering the interests of the Washington and Ohio Railroad, were addressed by Mr. McKenzie, President of the Company, and by Henry Heaton, esq., of Leesburg, both of whom explained the great advantages to accrue from the prosecution of this great work, and the perfect security of investing in the bonds of the road. Committees were appointed to canvass their respective neighborhoods for the purpose of selling the bonds of the Company, and to procure funds to enable the laying of the track to Purcellville, as also to push forward the work to Snickersville, in which it is hoped success will fully crown their efforts.

POLICE REPORT. -The only cases reported at police headquarters since yesterday have been those of Jennie Rye, who, for vaurancy, was sent to the work house for thirty days; and Liddie Middleton, who, on the charge of using colored, was discharged for want of evidence, and the costs assessed against the complainant. Five lodgers were accommodated at the station house last night.

#### CITY COUNCIL. OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held December 11, 1873, there were present: S. H. Janney, e.g., President and Messrs.
Latham, Moore, Lawson, Johnson and French.
The Committee on Poor reported in favor of paying the bill of Samuel M. Dishman, \$75, for work done at the Alms House, which was adopted and the bill ordered to be paid.

Mr. Carne proceeded with his reading of the

Corporation laws, and as amended the bill was read three times and passed by yeas 6, nays 0.

The Board then adjourned.

Teste: JNO. J. JAMIESON, Clerk.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, DECEMBER 11. SUN SETS...... 4.42

ARRIVED. Schr Prince William, Machodock, to Wash-

Steamer New York, Philadelphia, by F A

Schr Elizabeth, Petersburg, by Hampshire and Baltimore Coal Co.

Hampshire throughout England, is fair.

## TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

LONDON, Dec. 12-3:30 p. m.-The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of Eng-[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.] land on balance to-day is £13,000.

### FROM WASHINGTON.

CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, December 12, 1873.

The Senate was not in session to-day. In the House of Representatives, Mr. Wood, of New York, called for the reading of the report of the Secretary of War relative to defalcations in the late Freedman's Bureau, and the reading having been completed, Mr. Wood introduced a resolution referring to the Committee of Military Affairs so much of such report as referred to the defalcations of Brig. Gen. O. O. Howard, &c., with instructions to introduce a resolution for the trial by Court Martial of any officer of the army implicated.

Mr. Dawes, of Massachusetts, moved to strike out the last clause of the resolution, and to leave the Military Committee free to adopt such action as they chose. He called for the provious question.

Mr. Maynard, of Tenn., asked if it would be n order to move to strike out the word "defalcation" (laughter) and insert "alleged de-

She Chair said such a motion would be in order as soon as the pending question was disposed of.

The yeas and nays were called for and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Speaker Blane said "on this question

the ayes are 174 and the noes SS." By consent of Mr. Wood, who said he would not quibble about words, the word "alleged" was inserted before "defalcation." He said if the majority desired to shield a defaulter they

Mr. Dawes said that side of the house would take the responsibility of not convicting a man before trying him.

A number of reports were presented. THE JUDGESHIP.

must take the responsibility.

The question of the successorship of Judge Underwood remains still in doubt. It seems to-day that the contest is narrowed down between Mr. Beach and Mr. Hughes, but except that a report in favor of Mr. B. has been made by the Attorney General, there has been no new movement.

The friends of Judge Willoughby are still busy, and say that his chances have in no wise diminished.

#### Fire in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 12.-A little past two o'clock this morning, the large five story brick building, northwest corner of Calvert and Baltimore streets, known as the old museum building, belonging to the W. W. Glenn estate, was discovered to be on fire. In a short time the flames burst from the upper stories, occupied by the American Theatre Comique, Messrs. Howe and Clathworthy proprieters, and by three o'clock the upper stories of the building were completely burned out. The lower floor of the building was occupied as stores and restaurants, and was not damaged by fire, but suffered considerable loss, being deluged with wat- the triends of Messrs. Hughes, Wickham and er. The loss in the building is estimated at Willoughby, but that the friends of Mr. Beach from \$15,000 to \$20,000. Robert Brown, a have not yet abandoned their efforts in his be-

i-weller, sustained damage to the amount of half. \$2.000 by water. A. Maull, cigar store, \$2.000. Howe & Clothworthy lose \$1,500, together with the wardrobe, &c., of the theatrical company. At one time Barnum's hotel seemed in danger and a number of guests prepared to leave, but the fire which originated back of the stage, among the scenery, was confined to the museum building. The insurance on the muscum building is \$10,000, as follows: Reliance, of Philadelphia, \$2.500; Pennsylvania, of Philadelphia, \$2,500; Manhattan, of New York, \$1,000; American, of Baltimore, \$2,500; Peabody, of Baltimore, \$1,500.

# From New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The police made a raid on the gambling houses last night in the eigth and fourteeh precints, seizing faro tables, roulette boards, chips, &c., and arresting and taking to the station houses nearly a hundred proprietors and players. John Morrissy's and a number of other large establishments got wind of the matter and closed their rooms in advance.

The Board of Aldermen has appointed a committee to give as a memento to the family of the late Horace Greeley an illuminated al-bum containing the action of the city authorities on the occasion of his death, also an excellent portrait of Mr. Greeley. The album is about two feet long by one broad, bound in black velvet.

# From Key West and Cuba.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—A Key West dispatch says seven war ships are now there and sufficient naval stores have been received there to supply 10,000 men for three months. The officers of the Wyoming report that the estate of Mr. Brooks, Acting British Consul, at Santiago, was burned, probably by the volunteers. A Swiss jeweller was warned to leave that city or decine to trade with American naval officers. Consul Young says the life of Schmidt, the American Vice Consul, would not be worth a cent if there were no American war vessels in the harbor.

# The Virginius.

HAVANA, Dec. 12.-The steamship Virginius was towed out of the harbor of Hayana at half past, four o'clock this morning by the Spanish man of war Isabella la Catolica. The tug boat returned to this city at seven o'clock. The destination of the Virginius is supposed to be Key West.

#### Bazaine's Sentence Commuted. Paris, Dec. 12, -The decision of President

MacMahon in the case of Marshal Bazaine is appounced this morning. The sentence of death against the Marshal is commuted to twenty years seclusion. He is to bear the effects of degradation from rank, but will be spared the humiliating ceremony.

#### The Acheen Expedition. THE HAGUA, Dec. 12 .-- The government has

received intelligence that good troops belong-ing to the expedition which lately left Batavia for Acheen, have effected a landing on the coast of that county without opposition.

# Steamship Ashore.

LONDON, Dec. 12. - The steamship Ernst Moritz Arudt, from New York Nov. 22d, for Stellin, is ashore on the island of Selland, near Elsidore. The vessel is leaking badly. Assistance has been sent to her.

# Vessel Ashore.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 12.-The ship Marcha Cobb, from Galway, went ashore on the south breaker this morning in two fathoms of water, drawing twelve and abalf feet. Nothing has been heard from her since nine a. m.

# Use of Chloroform.

Steamship E C Knight, New York, by Hose & Johnston.

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#### the South Atlantic States, light southerly to westerly winds, with clear or partly cloudy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12, 11 a. m.

The Markets. NEW YORK, Dec. 11 .- Stocks quiet. Gold 93. Money 7 bid. Flour quiet and firm. Wheat

weather during the rest of Friday.

Respited.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.-Partrel, the colored

wife murderer, who was to have been hanged

at Joliet to-day, has been respited for a week.

Death of an M. P.

Weather Probabilities.

For the southern portion of the Middle

Somerset, is dead.

firmly held. Corn quiet and steady. BALTIMORE. Dec. 12. - Va. 6's, consolidated, W. Va.'s 10 bid to-day. Cotton firmer; low middlings 151. Flour steady and firm; prices unchanged. Wheat firm and unchanged. Corn active; white Southern 65a70; yellow do. 67a72; mixed Western excited and unsettled, 75 bid; held at 76. Oats dull. Rye quiet. Hay unchanged. Provisions unsettled and weaker; nominally unchanged.

### LOCAL BREVITIES.

The weather last night and to day has been as mild and soft and warm as that of springso delightful that all who were not compeled to stay within doors came out on the streets and enjoyed as much of the unseasonably pleasant temperature as was possible. It must be remembered, however, that a "green Christmas makes a fat graveyard.'

A large number of children of all sexes, colors and conditions, assembled in front of Green's notion and fancy store on King street, last night, to see Kriss Kringle, whose arrival they had been led to believe was expected. They were disappointed, as the arrival is not expected until to night, when the old fellow will come in one of Adam's express four horse wagons.

Another one of the colored thieves who robbed the house of Mrs. Cazenove, on Seminary Hill, lastyear, Henry Hunter by name, was arrested yesterday and committed to jail to await the action of the Fairfax authorities. Eli Cross had been previously committed on the same charge and the officers are on the track of the others.

Mr. William Legg, proprietor of the Washington street livery stable, loses stock with a prodigality that is remarkably unfortunate. During the last year five of his horses have died, and now death marks his cows, one of the latter having died a short time since and another one this morning.

Great excitement was created at Fishtown were instantly deserted, but the windows were growded by the alarmed denzens who peppered the unfortunate brute with many a stone and finally drove him away. A letter received here this morning from a

member of Congress from Virginia states that the contest for the vacant Judgeship is among The remains of the late R. R. McCain, late

Superintendent of the Western Union telegraph office in this city, were taken in charge to-day by the Masonic order and forwarded to Madison, Indiana, the home of the parents of the deceased. Quite a large crowd was attracted to the intersection of King and Royal streets last night by a man who exherted them to save their

souls and avoid sectarianism as they would the devil. He had spoken at the same place and upon the same subject in the afternoon. Two car loads of cattle, twenty-six in number, weighing in the aggregate 25,610 pounds and averaging 1.754 pounds each, were shipped

North on Tuesday last by Maj. Joseph Cloyd, of Pulaski county, via the W. C., V. M. & G. S. Railroad. A valuable carriage belonging to Mr. James Chatham, and engaged at a colored wedding last night, was smashed to pieces near Milburn's pottery by the running away of the

horses to which it was attached. A bucket containing twenty-eight pounds of excellent butter, sitting in the door of the provision store of Smoot & Co., in the Mansion House building, was picked up by an unknown

thief this morning and carried off. Messrs. Green & Wise are in the receipt of a letter from emigration agents in England informing them of a probable large immigration of well-to-do Englishmen to this section of the State next spring.

A barrel of oysters for the steamer Keyport was stolen from the Prince street wharf last night, but was found hidden in a pile of plaster in time to be put aboard of that steamer on her arrival from Quantico.

Mr. Wm. Walstrum, lately in charge of the office in Charlottesville, has been put in charge of the office of the Western Union Telegraph Company in this city, vice R. R. McCain, deceased. Prof. J. M. Macallister, generally known as

the Great Wizard of the world, will give exhibitions in this city on Tuesday and Wednesday next. See advertisement elsewhere in to day's The yoke of oxen which the City Council took in payment of a delinquent tax bill were

sold this morning by the Committee on Poor to a butcher for \$100. V. P. Corbett, County Treasurer, was at the Custom House to-day receiving payment for delinquent tax bills, and will be there to-mor-

row for the same purpose.

See notice elsewhere in to day's Gazette of a varied entertainment to be given at Sarepta Hall to-morrow night and Monday night. Some of the finest saddles of venison ever brought to this market, are at the commission

store of Mr. Tolson, at the ferry slip. Martin Powers, brakeman on the A. & F. R. R., had his hand severely mashed to-day while coupling cars.

A slight rain now would make the mud at the foot of King street ankle deep. There are numerous applicants for the office

of Fish Inspector of this city. Y OST-A SEAL-SKIN BOA. The finder

will be liberally rewarded on returning it to No. 127 Cameron street. dec 11-1w Washington and ohio R. R.

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MASONIC. Grand Dedication of the new Masonic Temple at HAMILTON, on
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17, 1873,
Governor WALKER and other distinguished

Masons will officiate. Trains will leave depot in Alexandria on that day at 8 s. m. Returning, will leave Ham-Fare for round trip \$1.75 dec 11-5t R. H. HAVENER, G.

SUGARS-Demerara and Refined Sugars received and for sale by DAVY & HARMON. oct 21 hanging over this city for the past three days

dec 9

### AUCTION SALES.

By Green & Wise, Real Estate Agents and Auctioneers.]
VIRTUE of a decree of the Corporation BY VIRTUE of a decree of the Corporation Court for the city of Alexandria, Va., ren-dered at its October term, 1873, in the suit of Skidmore and wife against Carlin and wife et al. in chancery, the undersinned, commissioners in chancery, the undersinned, commissioners therein named, will offer, at public auction, in front of the Market House, on Royal street, in said city of Alexandris, Va., on WEDNES-DAY, the 7th day of January, 1874, at twelve o'clock m., the following property, to wit:

No. 1—A LOT OF GROUND in the city of Alexandris or the north side of Commissioners.

LONDON, Dec. 12.-Wm. Henry Powell Gore Langton, Member of Parliament for West Alexandria, on the north side of Cameron street, between Patrick and Henry, bounded as follows: Beginning on the north side of Cameron street, 111 feet and 5 inches west of Patrick, and running thence east on Cameron street 30 feet; thence north parallel to Patrick street 100 feet; thence west parallel to Cameron street 30 feet; thence south parallel to Patrick street to the be-States, light southeasterly to southwesterly winds, with light rain, during the day. For

ginning. No. 2-A LOT OF GROUND, with the IM-PROVEMENTS, situated on the west side of Patrick street, and bounded as follows: Beginning on Patrick street 89 feet 10 inches north of Cameron street, and running northwardly on Patrick street 45 feet 5 inches; thence westwardly parallel to Cameron street 85 feet; thence southwardly parallel to Patrick street 35 feet 3 inches; thence southwardly 10 feet 2 inches; thence eastwardly 62 feet to the beginning.

No 3-A LOT OF GROUND, with the IM-

PROVEMENTS, bounded as follows: Beginning at the point where the line of the last mentioned lot of 19 feet 5 inches touches the east line of the lot first mentioned, and running thence westwardly with the north line of Tubman's; thence northwardly 76 feet 7 inches; thence eastwardly 30 feet; thence southwardly 76 feet 7 inches to the beginning.
No. 4-A LOT OF GROUND on the west

side of Patrick street, beginning 72 feet 6 inches north of Cameron street, and running thence northwardly on Patrick street 17 feet 4 inches thence westwardly parallel to Cameron street 64 feet, more or less, to Carlin's line; thence south-wardly parallel to Patrick street 17 feet 4 inches; thence eastwardly with a straight line to the beginning. No. 5-A LOT OF GROUND, on Patrick

treet, beginning 135 feet 3 inches north of Cameron street, and running thence on Prtrick st. northwardly 41 feet 4 inches to Lambdin's line; thence westwardly parallel to Cameron street 81 feet 3 inches, more or less, to a line between Carlin's and Dorcas Mankins'; thence southwardly parallel to Patrick street 41 feet 4 inches; thence

with a straight line to the beginning.

Terms of Saie: Cash enough to pay the costs and expenses of sale, and the residue in three equal instalments at 6, 12 and 18 months from the day of sale; the bonds or notes of the pur-chaser, with interest, to be taken, with good personal security; or at the option of the purchaser one-third or more of the purchase money in cash and personal security as to the remainder dispensed with. The title to be retained until the whole of the purchase money is paid. Con-

D. L. SMOOT, Comm'rs. of Sale.

A RKINDALE FISHERY FOR RENT. This well known Fishery, on the Potomac river, in Stuford county, Virginia, will be offered for rent, at auction, in front of the Mansion House, Alexandria, Virginia, at 12 m., TUES-DAY, December 2id, 1873,—bidders to have the privilege of renting it for a term of one, two or

King Street,

BOOTS & SHOES WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

The subscriber has now on hand one of the largest and best selected stocks of goods in his line ever offered in this market, which he can

BOOTS AND SHOES, of fine and coarse work, ever before offered for sale in this market, manufactured from the best material, and in the most durable and stylish manner, comprising a great variety of new and

# Also a large stock of

SUITABLE FOR THE COUNTRY TRADE,

country merchants and farmers. All in want will do well to call before purchasing eisewhere.

### W.B.WADDEYNO. 74 KING STREET.

NOTICE TO CITY TAX-PAYERS.

873, which are as follows: Section 5. The Collectors shall make a list of di personal tax bills due and unpaid on the 1st

satisfy and which yet constitute a lien on real estate, and shall, after having given twenty days' notice of the time and place of sale, proceed to sell the same, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the payment of said taxes, as provided

HINE FAMILY GROCERIES AND LI-

Fine N. E. do., Old Pelle, Fr. Brandy, Raisins, Currents, Old Seignett do., Double Grupe Hol. Gin, Tu kish Prunes, English Citron,

key,
Old Duil Gord. Sherry,
Topaz
Crown
Peach & Apple Brandy.
Baker and other celebrated brands of Pure

Old Rye Whiskey.
Anderson's and Atmore's Mince Meat. George's Hams, Cheap Sugars, Fine Teas, &c. GEO. McBURNEY & SON,

166 and 170 King street. dec 8

We are authorized to exchange ten or twelve hundred acres of land in the State of Illinois at SS per acre for bonds of the above roads, at 75c or St. Joseph and Chesapeake and Ohio, and 50c for Northern Pacific. The title to the lands is unquestionable, and the taxes all paid to cur-

rent year. Warranty deeds will be given by a responsible party. dec 5-1m W. D. CORSE & CO.

Sealed proposals will be received until Saturday, Dec. 20th, at 12 o'clock m., for furnishing ONE HUNDRED CORDS OF MERCHANT-ABLE PINE WOOD for the city poor, the wood to be delivered to carts as wanted, during

the winter. Separate proposals will also be received to same date for delivering ONE HUNDRED CORDS OF WOOD about the city, in lots of

WM. A. MOORE, dec 10-St Chairman soint Com. on Poor,

veyancing at the cost of the purchaser.
GEORGE WALKER

By Robert F. Knox, Auctioneer.

early this afternoon by the appearance there of three years, as may be desired, and rent to be a mad dig. The streets and alleys of the place paid on or before the 10th of April each year For further information apply to FITZHUGH LEE, Richland Mill P. O., Stafford county,

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afford to sell at prices to suit the times.

LADIES', GENTS', MISSES', BOYS' and CHILDREN'S He names in part-

BOOTS, SHOES AND BROGANS,

to which he invites the especial attention of

of December, 1873, and shall cause the same to se printed and posted up at conspicuous places

QUORS. Canned Goods, Breakfast Hominy, Old Jamaica Rum,

Caol Ila Scotch Whis-Eleme Figs, key, Sardines, half and quar-

ST. JOSEPH & DENVER CITY R. R. BONDS.
CHESA. & OHIO R. R. BONDS. NORTHERN PACIFICK.R. BONDS.

DROPOSALS FOR WOOD.

PRIME CITRON, LEMON PEEL, RAIS-INS and CURRANTS, for sale by dec 9 J. C. MILBURN. dec 10-8t Chairman soint Com. on

The attention of city t-x-payers is respectfully called to sections 5 and 6 of the Revenue bill of

Section 6. The City Collectors shall, on or be-fore the 5th day of January, 1874, return to the Auditor a list of all delinquent tax bills in their hands which there is no personal property to

for in the city charter.
J. T. HILL, Col. North. Dist.
dec 4-lm S. K. FIELD, Col. South. Dist.